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# Editor's Cable.

PECK. The History of the Great Republic, considered from a Christian Stand-point. By Jesse T. Peck, D.D. With thirty-four fine steel portraits. Svo. 710 pp. Sold by subscription only. New York: Broughton & Wyman.

To most historians, the religious element is ine dental rather than essential to the course of events of which they treat. They do not write with any leading purpose to exhibit the divine designed to lead in the formation of right traits order and spiritual issues of events. "God in [listory," is not their motto. The buman view of events is indeed rich and full of the most intense interest, but it is partial, inadequate, and leads to wrong generalizations. Especially does the history of our own country need to be written. from a high, spiritual point of view. In its ori-gin and early struggles, in the career through which it has been led, in the freedom of conscience which it guarantees, in the vast development of religious influences and institutions within its boundaries, and its extraordinary influence over the masses of the world's population, we see more than ordinary claims for the treatment of its history from a positively religious point of view. With great modesty, yet with no less zeal and painstaking, Dr. Peck has undertaken this new and great enterprise, and has achieved an, encouraging measure. of success. Everywhere. without affectation or cant and in a philosophie temper, the Divine purposes are devoutly recognized. A continuous narrative, or a complete work of the historian's art has not been attempt ed,-as we think it will and must be-but rather a succession of views of different epochs, affording opportunity to the author to illustrate his idea of the presence of God in our history. but the volume comes down to the close of the rebellion and the beginning of measures for reconstruction, and is very hopeful in tone. One cannot help suspect ing that it would be less so if it covered the period of futile attempt and cowardly re-action in high places, through which we are now passing. The steel portraits are of great elegance, the larger ones especially, and the whole execution of this large volume is quite a triumph to the publishers. distantonin i

MRS. STOWE. The Chimney Corner. By Christopher Crowfield, author of "House and Home Papers," and "Little Fairies." 16mo. 311 pp. Boston: Ticknor & Fields. Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott & Co.

The vivacity of style, the good sense in the choice and treatment of subjects, and for the most part, the fine Uhristian taste prevailing in the author's views must commend her volumes of this series to the American public. Treating of the woman question, without heat or extravagance, of such topics as Good Health, Dress, Amusement, Entertaining Company, &c., they are admirable reading for the family circle. Heartily do we wish that the young people of our generation could be brought up under their wholesome influence.

GAGE .- TISCHENDORF .- Origin of the Four Gospels: By Constantine Tischendorf, Translated under the Author's sanction, by Win. L. Gage, From the Fourth German Edition, revised and greatly enlarged. Boston: American Tract Society, 10mo. pp. 237.

The original matter of Tischendorf's. Treatise, known to us by the interrogative, title : When were our Gospels Written ? has been more than d ubled in this edition. Learned notes have been added at the end, and the prefatory matter conief account of the present appearance of the author, by Mr. Gage, and an answer to some of the unbelieving sneers raised by his earlier editions in Germany, by the author. It is one of the most important additions to our apologetic literature and is brief enough to be read by every 11 - D1V19

and the illustrations are unusually good. THE BIRD AND THE ARROW, with The Boy that Did Not Like Work, The First Trial, and the Best Warfare, 18mo. pp. 124.

THE PET LAMB, and Lambs of the Flock. 18mo. pp. 71.

Two recent issues of the Publication Committee, containing a variety of brief stories, the first of character; the second illustrating the tender regard of Christ to the young. Both are handsomely printed and illustrated.

#### BOOKS RECEIVED.

WHITE.-The Massacre of St. Bartholomew. Preceded by a History of the Religious Wars in the Reign of Charles IX. By Henry White. With Illustrations. 8vo. 897 pp. New York: Harper & Brothers. Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott & Co.

SHITH. A Smaller History of England, from the Earliest Times to the year 1862. Edited by Wil-liam Smith, LL, D., Illustrated with Engravings on wood. 16mo. 359 pp. New York: Harper & Brothers. Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott & Co. KENNEDY, Dunallan; or, Know What You Judge, By Grace Kennedy, author of the "Decision," "Father Clement," "Profession is Not Principle," etc., etc. 12md. 447 pp. Philadelphia : Jas. S. Claxton.

MURRAY.—Fathler Tom and the Pope or a Night at the Vulichin. By the late Onn Fisher Murray. With Illustrative Engravings. 18mo. 96. pp. Phila : T. B. Peterson & Bros.

#### PERIODICALS AND PAMPHLETS.

AMATEUR CULTIVATOR'S GUIDE to the Flows er and Kitchen Garden. Washburn & Co., Seed Merchants, Boston. 8vo pp. 145. This is one of the largest and finest Horticultural, pamphlets that has come under our notice. It describes 2000 different varieties and has a great number of the most handsome illustrations of the objects named, with prices of seed, &c. Price 25 cents. HOWARD CHALLIN'S Uniform Trade List Cir. cular has reached number eight of Vol. II., It is an undertaking of great importance to the trade.

### LITERARY INTELLIGENCE.

RELIGIOUS.-A volume is announced with the title of "Where is the City ?" This is a record of Israel Knight's search in quest of the true Church. Who Israel Knight is, the public may not know, but it is supposed to be the nom de plume of an author not unknown to fame. He relates, in his "Way to the City," his experience among the Baptists, Congregationalists, Methodists, Episcopalians, Quakers, Swedenborgians, Spiritualists, Universalists, Unitarians, and how he finally found the City, [among the Presbyte-rians?], with the name, "The Lord is There." The author writes in a very forcible and popular style, giving many "hard hits" in a good-natured way ..... Among recent publications are :--- Chicago and its Churches. By Geo. S. Phillips, Esq 4to. pp. 568, Chicago: E. B. Myers & Chandler. \$4. The Bible Doctrine of Immortality. By H. Mattison, D.D. 16mo. pp. 96. New York : Carlton F. D. Maurice. 16mo. pp. 84. Boston : W. Y. Spencer. Cl. 75 cts.-J. B. Lippincott & Cq. announce, -Discipline and other, Sermons. By Rev. Charles Kingsley.-The Presbyterian Publication Committee have published Thoughts on Personal Religion., New Edition., Small, 8vo. Cl. 81 25-Farewell Counsels of a Pastor to his

meet manfully the burdens and trials of life, and most radical sense. The general spirit of the to turn it into a theatre of service for God and essays may be gathered from one-Lord Houghfor man. The typography, paper and binding, ton, for instance, agreeing therein with Mr. Sedgwick, is of opinion that the social result of classical education is absolutely-nil. [O !]-The trustees of the British Museum have adopted the

plan of the new keeper of the manuscripts, for having a catalogue of manuscripts classified according to subjects, and in which also all the prints of each manuscript will be entered .- Dr. Newman hus recently published a collection of his poetical writings, entitled "Verses on Vari-ous Occasions," most of which are as remarkable for the perfection of their art finish as for their earnestness and sincerity of purpose?"

FRANCE.-A correspondent of Child's Litergry Gazette says : The French Academy, besides the Dictionnaire Historique de la Langue Nationale (of which the first two numbers have appeared), are now preparing a new edition of their Dictionnaire de l' Usage .- The wastness of scientific and literary operations in France, is shown by the immense labor necessary simply to catalogue the works and objects of interest in the hands of the various societies. The Imperial Library is printing the tenth volume of a catalogue of books relating to the History of France? The second volume of the catalogue of works on the Medical Sciences is in press. The 1st volume of the catalogue of French manuscripts is nearly completed, and will soon be published. The catalogues of the Tamoul, Telingh, Armenian, and Georgian collections are in press. The catalogue of Syriac, Ethiopian, and Copile Manu-seripts has been prepared. Among recent public cations we notice : R: P. L. Lescour's Le Regne Temporel de Jesus Christ, an Essay on the Millennium ; Le Catholicisme et les Questions Sociales ; Dr. Ensanada's Art of Living One Hun-dred Years and More'; "Historire Litteraire de France, by the Benedictines, and continued by the Academy of Inscriptions and Belles Liettres, 6th volume (M. Prulin, Paris ed.); M. de Les cure's Napoleon"and his Eamily 1798-1821 J. Tissot's Essui de Lozique Objective, or Theo ry of the Knowledge of Truth, and of Certainty, H: C's. Dieu avec Nous plain notes on the Gospel according to St. Matthew; Mœurs et Instincts

des Insectes (200 wood cuts, 40 pl. 30f.) The Paris correspondent of Child's Gazette says Our newspaper publishers are becoming book publishers, as if to demonstrate that the newspar per is but a species of book, and that newspapers

and books should go hand in hand. when the has published the 1st volume of a History of Bibli cal Literature, which is mainly devoted to the Pentateuch and Joshua Professor Gu Weber and H. Höltzlann have published a History of the People of Israel.—Professor Scholten, who is considered the most learned theologian of Holland, has lately published a reply to Tischendorf's endeavor to prove that the New Testament canon was not in existence, as such, in the first century, and an inquiry into the apostulic origin of the fourth gospel, maintaining the negative view of the question. In Overbeck's recent volume, Die antiken Schriftquellen zur Geschichte der bildenden Künste bei den Griechen, in the com pass of less than five hundred pages we have the literary resources of all our knowledge of Grecian tison, D.D. 1000, pp. 50. And and Object of literary resources of all our knowledge of from & Porter, 25 cts. The Ground and Object of art. Herr M. J. von Henglin has recently pub-Hope for Maukind, from Sermons. By Rev. Inshed a volume of travels in Abysinia (Reise nach Abyssinien "), made by himself and a companion, in 1861-2. Their route was nearly the same as that which has been or must be taken by the English army in the expedition against Kipg Theodorus-of whom, by the way, Herr Heuglin entertains a rather favorable opinion.--The German Shakspeare Society is publishing; under the re of Dr. Ulrici, a new and revised edition of Schlegel and Tieck's translation of Shakspeare, still considered the best.—In Ger-many in 1867, were published 2,566 newspapers, editorial of which 858 were non political, exempted from stamp duty: In Austria; in 1867, only 367, pe riodicals and newspapers were published ( In Bavaria, which has a much smaller. population, the number of such publications, of all classes, was 357. In Saxony, the number was 291, and 1.771 in France:

other Sewing Machines.

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BECHER. Norwood; or, Village Life in New Eng-land. By Henry Ward Beconet. (From the New York Ledger.) 12mo. 549 pp. \$1.50. New York: Chas. Scribner & Co. Philadelphia: Presbyteri-an Publication Committee. \$1.50. For sale at the Presbyterion Body Stree Presbyterian Book Store

Mr. Beecher has been icharged with unclerical conduct in writing arenovel. He might plead that many clergymen have written 'novels,' that brated Women," the fourth volume of the Messrs. even the Parables are not just matter of fact; he probably would say that he has never been very Mr. Bayard Taylor has nearly complete a trans probably would say that he has never been very introduct the second source of the second sour unclerical ; we think that the safest defence would be to deny the charge in toto, for Norwood is not announce -- Travels in the Interior of South Afri-a novel. It is a volume of beautiful thoughts ca. By James Chapman; and Prof. Pearson's and suggestive sayings; a houseful or rather a History of England National Map, of the Ter-town ful of exquisitely drawn characters; an al-ritory of the United States from the Mississippi bum of beautiful scenery ; an auto biography in River to the Pacific Ocean. Made by authority great part of its authors in its graphic portrayal of Hon, O. H. Browning, Secretary of the Inteof the New England scenes and characters among rior, chiefly for Government purposes, from data which his life, in its most plastic stages, was de- in the Department at Washington, by W. J. veloped.

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DICKENS. The Pösthumous: Papers of the Pick-wick Club. By Charles Dickens. With Eight Illustrations. Charles Dickens Edition. Paper covers. 497 pp. 75 cts. Boston : Ticknor & Fields. Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott & Co.

This is a cheap popular re-issue of their fine "Charles Dickens Edition." of that author's writings. The form is handy, the type good, and the eight illustrations selected from those of the first editions, make it especially attractive, while the low price (75 cents per volume) will place the series within the reach of the many.

### JUVENILES:0

GIRDING ON THE ARMOR. By the author of Win and Wear Series. New York R. Carter & Brothers. 16mo. pp. 362. For sale at the Presbyterian Book store.

One of the best of stories, freshly written, with invention in the plot and originality in the characters, and impressing the gospel lesson of the need of inward preparation spiritual armor-to

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much time, it seems, during his later years to a humorous peem, into which, says "The Springfield Republican," i "at was his purpose to weave every truly Yankee phrase that he could gather." It grew year by year, waxing to a humorous epic." It is intimated that it will soon be published. A translation of Sainte-Beuwe's "Portraits of Cele-Mr. Bayard Taylor has nearly complete a trans-

Keeler, 571 x 481 inches, folded to small 4to. Washington : W. J. Keeler. Mounted and with healthy interest than a novel does, just because, cover, \$8.-Chinese and English, Phrase Book, Boston, in the winter of 1865-66, by J. P. Lesley, with illustrations.

ENGLAND. - Recent English publications and announcements; are Bowman's Thoughts for Workers and Sufferers, 12mo. 1s. 6d. cl.-Boyle's Ride Across a Continent, 2 vols. 8vo. 21s. cl. Cooke's Authorship of the Atlantic Telegraph, 8vo. 2s. 6d. cl.-Oliphant's Brownlows, 3 yols. cr. 8vo. 31s. 6d. cl.-Parkyn's Life in Abyssinia, map and illust., cr. 8vo. 7s. 6d. cl.-Leslie's Dawn of Light, a Story of the Zenana Mission, 18mo. 28. Proctor's Half-Hours with the Telescope, illust., fc. 2s. 6d. el. Revelation (The) Unrayelled, an Outline Exposition, 12mö 2s. 6d. cl – Robertson's Sermone preached at Brighton; First Series, fc. 5s. cl.-Shady Side and Sunny Side, New England Stories, cr. 8vo 3s. 6d. cl.-Westminster Confession of Faith Examined by Goodsir, 10s. 6d. cl.-A highly popular, but very unsatisfactory and utilitarian volume, recently pub-lished by Macmillan & Co., London and Cambridge, is entitled "Essays on a Liberal Education," edited by the Rev. WieFarrar, Assistant Master at Harrow School: The Bookseller says: "The authors preach reform in the widest and





